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State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

# NOTICE TO PRESIDING OFFICERS

### OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats., notice is hereby given that final draft rules are being submitted to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. The rules being submitted are:

Natural Resources Board Order No. FH-04-02
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NumberOa014
Subject of Rules <u>Fishing</u> on the inland and
Subject of Rules <u>Fishing</u> on the inland and outlying waters of Wisconsin
Date of Transmittal to Presiding Officers

Send a copy of any correspondence or notices pertaining to this rule to:

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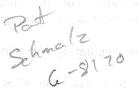
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An electronic copy of the proposed rule may be obtained by contacting Ms. Turner

#### REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 20, Wis. Adm. Code
Fishing on the inland and outlying waters of Wisconsin

Board Order No. FH-04-02 Clearinghouse Rule No. 02-014



#### Statement of Need

The proposed changes to the inland fishing regulations include:

- 1. Modify the daily bag limit for cisco and whitefish to include lake herring and hybrids and change the bag limit to 10 fish in total.
  - 2. Increase the minimum length limit for muskellunge on Green Bay to 50".
- 3. Modify the closed season for yellow perch on lake Michigan to May 1 June 15 (open season June 16 to April 30).
  - 4. Eliminate the minimum length limit for salmon on Lake Superior.
- 5. Increase the minimum length limit for brook trout to 20" and decrease the daily bag limit to one on Lake Superior.
- 6. Establish a minimum distance from all fishing lines that an angler must remain within during the open water fishing season.
- 7. Establish sturgeon spearing hours on Lake Winnebago from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and requiring registration of speared sturgeon by 1:30 p.m. on the day speared.

The changes are listed in detail on the attached order.

#### Modifications as a Result of Public Hearing

In Sawyer county, Winter lake would no longer be included in the 28" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit. Instead, a 14" to 18" protected slot limit was adopted with one fish longer than 18" allowed for walleye on Lake Winter and the Brunet River up to the Lake Loretta Dam.

The proposal to increase the minimum length limit from 15" to 28" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1 for walleye on Bass (Weyerhauser) lake (T34N R9W S16), Rusk county was dropped from further consideration based on lack of substantial public support at the hearings:

At the Natural Resources Board meeting, the proposed change to the lower Wisconsin river bass minimum length limit based on local opposition and directed the Department to spend another year working on a compromise for part of the river. The Board also removed the proposed walleye regulation changes for Escanaba Lake in Vilas county.

#### Appearances at the Public Hearings and Their Positions

Public hearings were held in all 72 counties on April 8, 2002. The vote for each proposal is given after the statement of need identifying the proposals. A copy of the vote analysis is attached.

#### Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Department has considered all comments from the Clearinghouse Report and the rules have been modified accordingly.

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules affected individual anglers. Therefore, a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

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# ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD REPEALING, AMENDING, REPEALING AND RECREATING AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.20(73)(d); amend NR 20.03(42), 20.10(10), 20.20(4)(h)2, (24)(c)1, (e)2, (h)1, (30)(b)2, (44)(c)1, (57)(e)2, (f)2, (i)1, 3, (73)(c) intro., 1, 2, (g)1, (j)4, (n)4, 20.33(5)(c); and create NR 20.10(10m), 20.20(4)(h)2m, (30)(e), (34)(b)3, (57)(e)4, (65)(b)3, and (68)(c)2, relating to fishing on the inland and outlying waters of Wisconsin.

#### FH-4-02

#### Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.014(1), 29.041, and 227.11(2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.014(1) and 29.041, Stats.

Section 1 revises the definition of an "unattended" line to include a maximum distance from all lines within which anglers must remain at all times while fishing during the open water season.

Sections 2, 3, and 26 amend the registration deadline for sturgeon speared from the Lake Winnebago system from 6:00 p.m. on the day speared to 1:30 p.m. on the day speared and establish closed hours for sturgeon spearing from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. of the following day.

Sections 4 and 5 establish a catch-and-release only season for brook trout on Whittlesey creek, Bark river, and their tributaries, Bayfield county.

Sections 6, 7, and 8 change the gamefish season from a continuous open season to a regular closed season (first Saturday in May to March 1) for Big Green lake, Green Lake county.

Section 9 increases the minimum length limit from 14" to 18" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 1 in total for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Vern Wolf lake, Kenosha county.

Section 10 reduces the daily bag limit from 25 in total to 10 in total for panfish on Vern Wolf lake, Kenosha county.

Section 11 increases the minimum length limit from 14" to 18" for largemouth and smallmouth bass and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 1 in total on Greater Bass lake, Langlade county.

Section 12 increases the minimum length limit from 45" to 50" for muskellunge on Clear lake, Oneida county.

Section 13 increases the minimum length limit from 34" to 40" for muskellunge on Moose lake, Sawyer county.

Section 14 increases the minimum length limit from 34" to 45" for muskellunge on the Chippewa Flowage, Sawyer county.

Section 15 reduces the daily bag limit from 25 in total to 10 in total for panfish on Sissabagama lake, Sawyer county.

Section 16 eliminates the 15" minimum length limit and establishes a 14" to 18" protected slot limit with only one fish longer than 18" allowed for walleye on Winter lake and the Brunet River from Winter lake upstream to the Lake Loretta Dam, Sawyer county.

Section 17 increases the minimum length limit from 15" to 28" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1 for walleye on Black Dan, Clear, and Island lakes, Sawyer county.

Section 18 establishes a 14" to 18" protected slot limit and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 3 with only one fish longer than 18" for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Lulu lake, Walworth county.

Section 19 establishes a 14" to 18" protected slot limit and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 3 with only one fish longer than 18" for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Eagle Spring lake, Waukesha county.

Sections 20, 21, and 22 modify the daily bag limit for cisco and whitefish to include lake herring and hybrids, and change the daily bag limit from 25 pounds plus one fish to 10 fish in total for cisco (lake herring), whitefish, and hybrids on all Great Lakes waters.

Section 23 increases the minimum length limit from 40" to 50" for muskellunge on Green Bay, Lake Michigan, and Lake Michigan tributaries north of Waldo blvd. in the city of Manitowoc, all tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake.

Section 24 changes the open season from July 1 to May 31 (June closure) to June 16 to April 30 (closed May 1 to June 15) for yellow perch on Lake Michigan.

Section 25 increases the minimum length limit from 15" to 20" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1 for brook trout on Lake Superior. This section also eliminates the 15" minimum length limit for salmon on Lake Superior.

SECTION 1. NR 20.03(42) is amended to read:

NR 20.03(42) "Unattended line" means a fishing line to which the person using the line is not actively directing his or her attention and, during open water, any line that is more than 100 yards from the person using the line.

SECTION 2. NR 20.10(10) is amended to read:

NR 20.10(10) Possess a sturgeon unless each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon exhibits the sturgeon, with the person's sturgeon carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.237, Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Winnebago if speared in Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan if speared in Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan. Sturgeon shall be exhibited at a sturgeon registration station not later than 6:00 1:30 p.m. on the day speared. The registration tag shall remain attached and locked to the sturgeon until the carcass is prepared for final consumption.

SECTION 3. NR 20.10(10m) is created to read:

NR 20.10(10m) Fish for sturgeon during the open season by the method of spearing or possess or control a spear or similar device within a fishing shelter on Lake Winnebago system waters from 12:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. of the following day.

SECTION 4. NR 20.20(4)(h)2 is amended to read:

(4) BAYFIELD (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(h) Trout and salmon

2. Bono creek, Boyd creek, Onion river downstream from Lake Superior District Power Company power line (T49N R4W S6), Pikes creek downstream from Red dam, Pine creek downstream from its confluence with Little Pine Creek, Whittlesey creek downstream from Town Hall road

a. Hook and line.

First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to November 15 5 in total but only 2 may be brown trout longer than 15" and only 1 may be a rainbow trout Brook trout 8, brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26 SECTION 5. NR 20.20(4)(h)2m is created to read:

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(30) KENOSI	HA (for species or water	s not listed,	see sub. (73))				
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Silver lake, Vern W	olf lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday i 1	n May to March		18
SECTION 10.	NR 20.20(30)(e) is crea	ted to read:					
	HA (for species or waters		see sub. (73))				
(e) Panfish	1. Vern Wolf lake		a. Hook and line	Continuous		10 in total	None
SECTION 11.	NR 20.20(34)(b)3 is cre	ated to read:					
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(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Greater Bass lake	a. Hook ar line	rirst Saturday third Saturday	y in May to day p y in June	receding the	0	Approximately 1

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(c) Muskellunge	1. Clear lake (T39N, R7E, S16)	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest l November 30		1 45 50
SECTION	13. NR 20.20(57)(e)2 is amended to	read:		The state of the s	
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(e) Muskellunge	2. Brunet river from state hwy. Chippewa river including Wint from the Chippewa flowage dato and including Radisson flow Moose lake	70 downstream to the ter flowage, Chippew am (Winter dam) dow	a. Hook ra river and line rastream	Saturday nea Memorial da November 30	y to
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(e) Muskellunge	4. Chippewa flowage	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest November 30		1 45
SECTION	15. NR 20.20(57)(f)2 is amended to		hors of holiansess as:	•	
(57) SAW	YER (for species or waters not liste	ed, see sub. (73))			
(f) Panfish	2. Christner lake, Moose lake, Nelslake, Sissabagama lake		e Continuous	10 in to	tal None
SECTION	16. NR 20.20(57)(i)1 is amended to	o read:			
(57) SAW	YER (for species or waters not liste	ed, see sub. (73))			
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Grindstone lake, Chippewa riv downstream from Radisson flowa including all tributaries upstream dam or lake, Winter lake and Bru	er a. Hoo age and lin to the first	k First Saturday		None but the possession of fish from 14 through 18 inches is prohibited
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(57) SAW	YER (for species or waters not list	ed, see sub. (73))			
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SECTION 18. NR 20.20(65)(b)3 is created to read:

(65) WALWORTH (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass

3. Lulu lake a. Hook and line

First Saturday in May to March 1

3 in total, only 1 may be longer than 18" No minimum length but the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited

SECTION 19. NR 20.20(68)(c)2 is created to read:

(68) WAUKESHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass

2. Eagle Spring lake

a. Hook and line

First Saturday in May to March 1

3 in total, only 1 may be longer than 18"

No minimum length but the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited

SECTION 20. NR 20.20(73)(c)(intro.) and 1 is amended to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(c) Cisco and (lake herring),

1. Green Bay, major Green

a. Hook and line

Continuous

25 pounds and one fish in total 10 in total

None

(lake herring), whitefish and their hybrids

Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior,

Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan tributaries

SECTION 21. NR 20.20(73)(c)2 is amended to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(c) Cisco and (lake herring), whitefish and their hybrids

2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake

a. Hook and line

First Saturday in May to March 1 25 pounds and one fish in total 10 in total

None

SECTION 22. NR 20.20(73)(d) is repealed.

SECTION 23. NR 20.20(73)(g)1 is amended to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(g) Muskellunge

1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries north of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc, all

a. Hook and line

Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30 49 50

tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake

SECTION 24. NR 20.20(73)(j)4 is amended to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(j) Panfish

4. Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries

a. Hook and line

Continuous, but the open season for yellow perch is July 1 to May 31 June 16 to April

25 in total but only 5 may be yellow perch

None

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SECTION 25. NR 20.20(73)(n)4 is amended to read:

#### (73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(n) Trout and salmon

4. Lake Superior

a. Hook and line

Continuous except the open season for lake trout is December 1 to September 30

10 in total but only 5 may be salmon and only 5 may be trout, of which only 1 may be a rainbow trout, only 1 may be a brook trout and only 3 may be lake trout with only 1 lake trout longer than 25 inches

Rainbow trout 26, brook trout 20, other trout and salmon 15, salmon none

SECTION 26. NR 20.33(5)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.33(5)(c) Effective date of season closure. The season closure shall take effect at 6:00 12:30 p.m. on the day following issuance of the department press release announcing the season closure in par. (b).

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on May 22, 2002.

The foregoing rules shall take effect on April 1, 2003, except sections 2, 3, and 38, which will take effect on the first day of the month following publication, and sections 4 and 5, which will take effect on March 1, 2003, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	BANKER BURGER BURGER BURGER BURGER
	STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
	By

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#### CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT TO AGENCY

[THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO S. 227.15, STATS. THIS IS A REPORT ON A RULE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE AGENCY; THE REPORT MAY NOT REFLECT THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE RULE IN FINAL DRAFT FORM AS IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A REVIEW OF, BUT NOT APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF, THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND TECHNICAL ACCURACY OF THE RULE.]

#### **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 02–014**

AN ORDER to repeal NR 20.20 (73) (d); to amend NR 20.03 (42), 20.10 (10), 20.20 (4) (h) 2., (11) (e) 1. and 2., (12) (c) 1., (13) (c) 1., (22) (c) 1., (24) (c) 1., (e) 2. and (h) 1., (25) (c) 1., (30) (b) 2., (44) (c) 1., (53) (c) 1., (56) (d) 1., (57) (e) 2., (f) 2. and (i) 3., (73) (c) 1. and 2., (g) 1., (j) 4. and (n) 4. and 20.33 (5) (c); and to create NR 20.10 (10m) and 20.20 (4) (h) 2m., (13) (c) 3., (25) (c) 3., (30) (e), (34) (b) 3., (55) (e) 4., (56) (d) 2., (57) (e) 4., (64) (h) 10., (65) (b) 3. and (68) (c) 2., relating to fishing on the inland and outlying waters of Wisconsin.

#### Submitted by **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

02-05-02	RECEIVED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
03-01-02	REPORT SENT TO AGENCY.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

This rule has been reviewed by the Rules Clearinghouse. Based on that review, comments are reported as noted below: STATUTORY AUTHORITY [s. 227.15 (2) (a)] Comment Attached YES NO / 2. FORM, STYLE AND PLACEMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE [s. 227.15 (2) (c)] Comment Attached YES NO CONFLICT WITH OR DUPLICATION OF EXISTING RULES [s. 227.15 (2) (d)] Comment Attached YES NO ADEQUACY OF REFERENCES TO RELATED STATUTES, RULES AND FORMS [s. 227.15 (2) (e)] YES NO / Comment Attached CLARITY, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE [s. 227.15 (2) (f)] Comment Attached POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH, AND COMPARABILITY TO, RELATED FEDERAL REGULATIONS [s. 227.15 (2) (g)] Comment Attached YES NO / COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT ACTION DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS [s. 227.15 (2) (h)] Comment Attached YES



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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### **Comments**

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

### 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. In Sections 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25, 27, and 28, the language in the parentheses is not as stated in the present rule; e.g., "for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73)." If changes are intended, they should be shown with strikes and underscores.
- b. In Section 25, s. NR 20.20 (57) (e) 2., the word "Big" should be before "Sissabagma lake" (as stated in the present rule).
- c. In SECTIONS 32, 33, and 37, a period should be inserted after "SUBS" (as in the present rule).
  - d. In Section 5, "Town" should be on one line.